

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Claims 1-3, 5-40, and 66-81 are pending in the present application, with Claims 5-11, 14-15, 20-22, and 36-39 having been rejoined. Claims 6-9, 67, and 75 have been amended, and Claims 5 and 66 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-3, 5, 7-40, and 67-81 will be pending upon entry of this Amendment and Reply.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claim Objections

On page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 66 and 67 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim. Claim 66 has been cancelled without prejudice and Claim 67 has been amended to depend from independent Claim 1.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

On page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 5-9, 66, 67, and 75 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2.

Claims 5 and 66 have been cancelled without prejudice, and Claims 6-9, 67, and 75 have been amended to remove the term “type” therefrom, and Claims 67 and 75 have been amended to recite a list of materials (support for which can be found at paragraph [0045] of the present application).

Because each of Claims 6-9, 67, and 75 have been amended to address the Examiner’s concerns relating 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2 and depend from an independent claim that has been indicated as being allowable, the Applicant submits that all pending claims in the present application are allowable.

Related Divisional Applications

The Applicants note that U.S. Patent Application No. 11/348,051 and U.S. Patent Application No. 11/348,222 were filed on February 6, 2006 and are Divisional applications claiming the benefit of the present application.

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It is submitted that each outstanding objection and rejection to the Application has been overcome, and that the Application is in a condition for allowance. The Applicants request consideration and allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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Respectfully submitted,

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